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# THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Official Newsletter of the Lowell Police Department

## Mission Statement

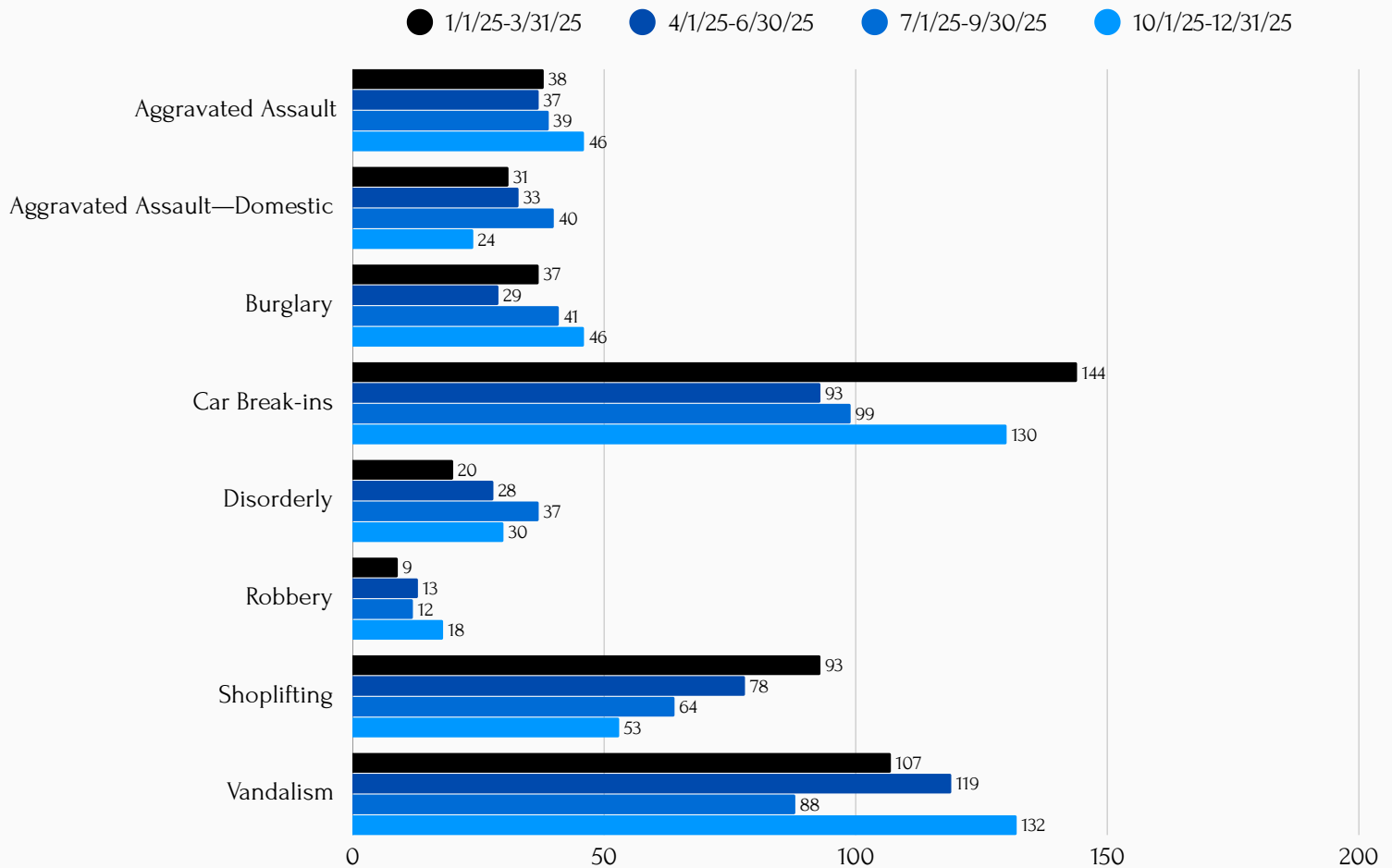
The mission of the Lowell Police Department is to continue building and maintaining strong partnerships with the diverse communities of the city of Lowell. We strive to work with our community to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to ensure public safety. We will do this while working to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lowell.

The Lowell Police Department is committed to the ideals of Community Policing. Those ideals are evident in programs such as the Citizens Police Academy, the Summer Student Police Academy, and the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Department's core values are integrity, respect, accountability, community, sanctity of life, and knowledge. Patrols are assigned by geographic sector, encouraging officers to become intimately associated with neighborhoods and their residents, better enabling them to fight and prevent crime.





## Crime Statistics



## Announcements and Updates

### Promotions and New Hires:

Congratulations to Sergeant K. Bomil on her recent promotion! The LPD would also like to welcome Officers Arevalo, Bettencourt-Freitas, Blodgett, Celidor, Destin, DiGiovanni, Emerson, Golner, Jameel, Janeczko, Leighton, Mann, Moreno-Batista, Ngeth, O'Brien, Phillips, Rowbotham, Smith, Villanueva, and Zaim to the department.

### Neighborhood Meetings:

Residents are invited to join the LPD at neighborhood meetings throughout the year to discuss crime and other neighborhood issues. To view meeting times and locations, please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/events/>.

### Crime Data:

Lowell crime statistics can now be viewed year-round on the department's website. Please visit <https://lowellpolice.org/crime-data/> to view the new Crime Data Dashboard.



## LPD Youth Services - Summer 2025

The LPD Youth Services Program continued to provide after school and summer programming to Lowell youth. Approximately 200 youth in grades 5-8 completed the Student Police Academy. This three-week summer program is led by LPD School Resource Officers and covers a variety of topics including CPR and first aid, internet safety, bullying prevention, and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. In addition to the Student Police Academy, the LPD Youth Services Program offered boxing, swim lessons, and the Strongwater Farm Program. The department also partnered with the Lowell Housing Authority (LHA) to offer 3x3 basketball games in parks throughout the city.

Questions about the LPD Youth Services Program or want to register your child for a program? Please email [lpdyouthservices@lowellma.gov](mailto:lpdyouthservices@lowellma.gov) or visit <https://lowellpolice.org/youth-services/>.

## Lowell Police Academy Graduation

42 recruits graduated from the Lowell Police Academy (LPA) on October 10th, 2025. The LPA provides instruction to recruits in subjects including but not limited to constitutional law, criminal law, criminal investigations, firearms, defense tactics, and emergency vehicle operation. Recruits that successfully graduate from the academy go on to serve several cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 2025, graduates from the Lowell Police Academy joined the Abington, Acton, Belmont, Billerica, Dracut, Groton, Lawrence, Massachusetts Port Authority, Malden, Natick, Revere, Sudbury, Townsend, and UMass Lowell Police Departments. The LPD also welcomed five officers from the Lowell Police Academy.



## Hero Sign Dedications

The LPD dedicated Hero Signs to fallen officers Christos G. Rouses and Patrick F. Leavitt. Officer Christos G. Rouses died in November 1978 after being shot by an armed suspect who was fleeing a drug store after robbing it. Officer Patrick F. Leavitt died in December 1941 after suffering a fatal heart attack during a high-speed pursuit of an auto theft suspect.

The Hero Sign honoring Christos G. Rouses is currently displayed at Branch and Smith Streets and the sign honoring Patrick F. Leavitt is displayed on Market Street.





## Civil Service Exam

Interested in becoming a police officer in Massachusetts? Your first step is to apply to take the Civil Service Exam. The deadline to take the 2026 Municipal Police Officer and MBTA Transit Police Officer Examination (March) is February 2, 2026. To apply, please visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/massachusetts/jobs/5148618-0/2026-police-officer-march>. For more information about the Civil Service Exam, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/2026-municipal-police-officer-and-mbta-transit-police-officer-examination-march>.

## Additional Department Highlights

- The LPD hosted its fifth annual Youth Outreach Event on September 17<sup>th</sup> at JFK Plaza. The department would like to thank its law enforcement and public safety partners for attending the event. The LPD would also like to thank the Lowell Police Superior Officers Association and the Lowell Police Association for donating raffles to the event.
- The department received grant funding from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants and Research to lease a new VirTra-300 4K Virtual Reality Simulator. This virtual reality equipment will be utilized by police officers to conduct de-escalation training.
- 100 Lowell youth participated in the Heroes and Helpers Event hosted by Target. Thank you to the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, Police Activities League of Massachusetts, Massachusetts State Police, Lowell Fire Department, Pridestar Trinity EMS, and Middlesex District Attorney's Office for making this event possible!
- The LPD collected hundreds of new toys during its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Toy Drive. Items donated to the toy drive were distributed to Lowell youth and families in need through the Lowell Public School Social Workers. Thank you to everyone who donated to the toy drive this holiday season!

